

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. RENÉE GROSS AND
MR. STUART FEINBLATT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, the Highland Park Conservative Temple and Center will present the coveted Chaver Award for exemplary community service to Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt. This is a well deserved honor, and I am proud to join in paying tribute to Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt for their tireless service to their temple and community.

Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are both irreplaceable assets to their community who have cared for and protected those in my district. Dr. Gross is a valued senior partner with the Obstetrical and Gynecological Group and has delivered an estimated 2,500 babies throughout her career. Mr. Feinblatt is a partner at the prestigious Sills Cummis & Gross law firm in Newark, New Jersey where he is the firm's exclusive litigator on healthcare and medical issues.

Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt have actively served the Highland Park Conservative Temple together for over twenty years. Mr. Feinblatt is completing his sixth year as a member of the Temple's Board of Trustees, while Dr. Gross is a member of the morning minyan and attends the Rabbi's weekly class. They have both been involved as Vice Chairs on the Livnot Campaign, which is working to rebuild parts of the temple damaged by a fire. Their timeless dedication to their Temple is admirable.

Outside of the congregation, Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are active members of the community. Mr. Feinblatt is the former President of the Board of Trustees of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley. He is also on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Dean of the Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences. Both Dr. Gross and Mr. Feinblatt are active in the Jewish Federation and are members of the Vanguard Committee, as well. Although these two individuals live busy lives, they have consistently dedicated time to strengthening their community.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Dr. Renée Gross and Mr. Stuart Feinblatt for their distinguished service to their fellow citizens. Their accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, February 26, 2009, I missed rollcall vote

90 on H. Res. 183, expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407. If present, I would have voted "aye."

A TRIBUTE TO MS. HOLLY
WALKER

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Holly Walker for her service to the students at Elizabethtown High School in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She has taught as a special education teacher for the last 9 years and was recently recognized as the 2008–2009 ExCEL Award recipient for her school district.

Ms. Walker's teaching philosophy is simple—everyone can learn and everyone counts. She is an outstanding educator who shows genuine concern for special needs students. Ms. Walker expects more of the students than they ever thought they could accomplish. Her patience and flexibility enable them to succeed and build confidence.

Ms. Walker deeply cares for her students beyond the classroom. She takes food baskets to their homes at Christmas, drives them to decorate the homecoming float, and goes to school dances with them so they will not feel alone. Her students are her extended family.

When asked why Ms. Walker deserved this award, one of her students wrote, "She never gives up on her students. She makes us feel like family. I spend five hours a day in the classroom with Ms. Walker and wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Ms. Walker's passion for making a difference in the lives of her students is an example for all Kentuckians to follow. I thank Ms. Walker for her commitment to the students in Elizabethtown.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 2, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: Rep. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: HR 1105

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Beth Medrash Govoha

Address of Requesting Entity: 617 6th Street, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Description of Request: Beth Medrash Govoha Cedarbridge Corporate Office Park

and Small Business Incubator in Lakewood, NJ was listed as receiving \$232,750 in the Small Business Administration account in Division D of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009. This small business incubator will be able to house up to 1.5 million square feet of office and laboratory space and is projected to attract small businesses as well as large corporate entities and create over a thousand new jobs. The funding will be used for architectural services, engineering, and construction of the first building, along with project administration, development and future planning for the remainder of the parcel. Cedarbridge is also receiving state and township funding for this project.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1105, the "Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009". I would like to thank my colleague Chairman OBEY and Ranking Member LEWIS for introducing this important legislation. I would especially like to thank the respective subcommittee chairs and ranking members who I worked closely with in obtaining the funds necessary to help the citizens of the 18th Congressional District of Texas. These funds were vital in helping the Houston area. I want to especially thank:

ALAN MOLLOHAN Chairman and FRANK R. WOLF Ranking member of the subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

PETER J. VISCLOSKEY Chairman and RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN Ranking member of the subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

DAVID E. PRICE Chairman and HAROLD ROGERS Ranking member of the subcommittee on Homeland Security.

DAVID OBEY Chairman and TODD TIAHRT of the subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

TEXAS NEEDS

Critical times call for critical measures. Over the last 13 months, our economy has lost a total of 3.6 million jobs—and continuing job losses in the next few months are predicted. The national unemployment rate is at 7.6 percent, with the great state of Texas seeing an unemployment rate of 6.0 percent and my district of Houston seeing only a little better rate at 5.5 percent.

Our schoolhouses are badly in need of repair and modernization in order to flourish and be competitive in the global marketplace. Our healthcare system needs to be upgraded to allow for more Americans to receive coverage

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